Sale of coal-tar in Bihar

†1726. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of petroleum companies selling coal-tar (bitumin) in Bihar;

(b) the annual consumption of coal-tar in Bihar;

(c) the demand of coal-tar during the last three years in Bihar; and

(d) the Details of quantity supplied as per the demand and the time taken in this regard[1]?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Bitumin is sold by the following Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs) in Bihar:

(i) Indian Oil Corporation Limited

(ii) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

(iii) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited

(b) and (c) The annual consumption of Bitumin in Bihar for the last three years is as follows:—

(in MTs)

2000-2001 — 78736

2001-2002 — 37417

2002-2003 — 45338

(d) All orders placed on PSUs were supplied in time in Bihar as per indentor's programme. No orders are pending for supply.

Supply of LPG to Assam

1727. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 40 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd July, 2003 and state the quantum of LPG supplied to the State of Assam together with its demand during the last three years?

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